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CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

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SECTION: 17.23
TITLE: WIGS OR HAIRPIECE

AUTHORITY: 38 CFR 17.270(a) and 17.272(a)(35)

RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4(g)(41)

I. EFFECTIVE DATE

December 15, 1980

II. POLICY

Benefits may be extended in accordance with the allowable charge, for one wig or hairpiece per beneficiary (lifetime maximum). The attending physician must certify that alopecia has resulted from the treatment of a malignant disease and the beneficiary must certify that a wig or hairpiece has not been obtained previously through the U.S. Government, including the Veterans Administration.

III. EXCLUSIONS

- A. Alopecia resulting from conditions other than treatment of malignant disease.
- B. Maintenance of the wig or hairpiece, supplies, or replacement of the wig or hairpiece.
- C. Hair transplants or any other surgical procedure involving the attachment of hair or a wig hairpiece to the scalp.
- D. Any diagnostic or therapeutic method or supply intended to encourage hair regrowth.

END OF POLICY